decisions taken in these meetings, both sides have agreed to jointly co-ordinate measures to counter ISI activities directed against India. On their part, the Government of Nepal have assured that their territory would not be used for activities inimical to India's interest and have been extending their co-operation to the Government of India in this regard.

Indo-US Cooperation

4459. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and USA have recently signed an agreement for mutual cooperation;

(b) if so, the details of the issues discussed with the US counterpart and the US President; and

(c) to what extent his trip to USA was successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) No, Madam.

(b) and (c) During the recent visit of External Affairs Minister and Raksha Mantri to the United States from April 5-7, 2001, he held fruitful discussions with the new U.S. Administration including the Secretary of State, the Defence Secretary and the National Security Adviser. He also had the opportunity of meeting the U.S. President. During the discussions, both sides reaffirmed their commitment to maintain the momentum in Indo-U.S. relations and to impart to it greater depth and content. The visit of the Minister was also successful in confirming the broad-based nature of Indo-U.S. relations as also the Dialogue Architecture that had been put in place in the year 2000.

Demolition of statues Buddha

4460. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Taliban Militia in Afghanistan has fully